

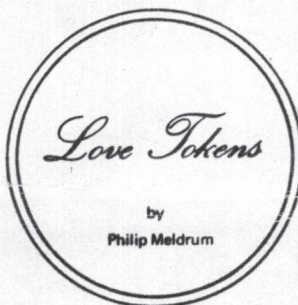


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worked on to this face, either with or without some form of design or embellishment. Occasionally a name is found engraved direct on to an untouched coin.

ENGRAVING

The engraving of coins as love tokens does not appear to have become common practice much before Victoria, during whose reign the bending of coins seems to have gone out of fashion. The usual method of bending was for a segment of the coin to be prised upwards, the piece being then turned through 180 degrees while the opposite segment was bent down, so that the coin viewed edgewise resembled an elongated letter Z. Of this type the writer owns a total of nine specimens from the reigns of Edward VI, Elizabeth I, Anne, George I, George III and William IV. None of these have been engraved, and the Edward VI

specimen has been flattened again after initial distortion.

A reference to the custom of bending coins is contained in Joseph Addison's fanciful essay 'The Adventures of a Shilling', published in 1710, wherein an animated Elizabethan shilling tells of a recruiting sergeant at the time of the Commonwealth who '... sacrificed me to his pleasures, and made use of me to seduce a milk-maid. This wench bent me', continues the talking shilling, 'and gave me to her sweetheart, applying more properly than she intended the usual form of "To my love and from my love"'. From this literary reference can be gathered the fact that love tokens were not always fashioned from current coin. Indeed, the author recollects once owning an Elizabeth I sixpence on which had been scratched the name ALBERT and a soldier's number. The marking of this piece (which had not been bent and was pierced for suspension) was



The romantic old tradition of giving and receiving coins as love tokens has long died out, it being an offence in these modern, materialistic times to deface a current coin of the realm. The latest love token known to the author is dated 1910, though subsequent ones may well exist. Some of the earliest recorded are referred to in the will of Sir Edward Howard, who in 1512 bequeathed 'my rope of bowed nobles... containing CCC angels'.

In order that these keepsakes should not be spent the coins were either bent or engraved, the latter type being frequently pierced for suspension about the neck. Some were fashioned into brooches. Others were cut in two, one half being given to the beloved and the other being retained by the giver as a talisman. It was not unusual for a sailor to pierce his own half and to wear it as a single ear-ring for protection against drowning.

A poignant piece in the author's collection, rubbed smooth and therefore unidentifiable as a specific coin, is crudely engraved on the one side with the words: *Peter Hart aged 22, 1833. Transported for 7 years August 1833. Laboriously scratched on the other side (without doubt in a dark, dismal cell whilst its creator awaited embarkation) appears this sad, simple rhyme:*

*'When this you see Remem-ber me
And bear me in your mind
Let all the world say - that they will
Don't prove to me a - - - - -'*

Whilst one hopes the recipient proved faithful to her unfortunate lover, seven years in Botany Bay is nevertheless a very long time!

Most engraved tokens are rubbed smooth on one side only, a name such as ALICE, EVA, or CONNIE, a monogram or a set of initials being

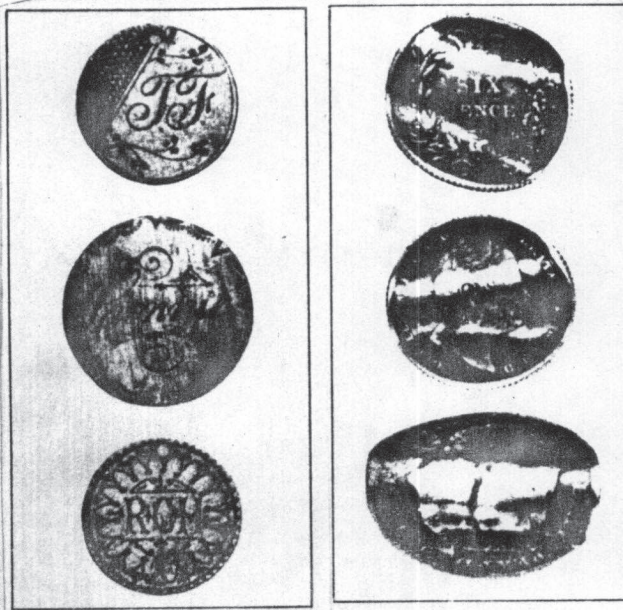
clearly not contemporary with the coin itself, the name Albert seeming to indicate the reign of Victoria.

The bowing of coins into a single curve does not appear to have been a particularly popular practice despite the terms of Sir Edward Howard's bequest, possibly by reason of the fact that the resultant shape made the coin both inconvenient to carry and uncomfortable to wear. Although the author has never seen a bowed coin that has also been pierced, it is evident from Sir Edward's will that this did in fact occur. With three hundred golden love tokens to his credit, he must have been quite a man!

LUCK PENNIES

The writer has heard it said that certain bent pieces are in fact 'luck pennies', this being an expression well known among the older members of the farming fraternity. When a bargain was sealed it was common practice for the purchaser, after he had handed over the purchase money, to ask for something back 'for luck'—the seller having doubtless made allowance for the existence of this custom before fixing his price! The purchaser was then handed back a coin in order to preserve his good fortune. Such coins are reputed in some quarters to have been bent before being returned to the buyer, but this seems improbable since the bending would have hampered their future usefulness as currency.

Tradition has it that love tokens were bent with the teeth. This also seems unlikely, however, especially after the introduction of milled coinage during the reign of Charles II. Apart from the fact that care of the teeth was sadly neglected in earlier times, it becomes manifestly obvious when one



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ROMANTICIST

Lest it be thought from the iconoclastic destruction of two popular misconceptions that the writer is not a romanticist, let him hasten to return you to your childhood with a nursery rhyme that could well have some connection with the subject in hand:

*'There was a crooked man, and he walked a
crooked mile,
He found a crooked sixpence against a crooked
stile'*

Whilst this crooked curio may possibly have been a love token, the bent old gent presumably flattened his find before it was spent (no doubt with a crooked hammer), for it will be remembered that he bought with it a crooked cat that caught an equally crooked mouse!



IN NEVADA'S Virginia
City of the 1870s, the saloons
outnumbered the churches by
110 to six.

The Token Collector

By Harry F. Campbell



T is for the token that thrills and tickles our throat, and T is for the thirst we get as over our tokens we gloat.

O is for the object so obscure, as onward into oblivion we stride to obtain that obsolete sphere.

K is for the King of coins that we kneel to, as we kiss and even kid to get just a few.

E is for the enjoyment we all employ when we enshrine and enslave our beloved toy.

N is for the neon glow that a new token knows, when hot on the trail, it nips at our nose.

C is for that coin for which we all consult and conspire, as through the want ads we move like wildfire.

O is for the objects in the dealer's basket we see outlaid, as overjoyed we willingly overpay and trade.

L is for the love and laughter we laymen let loose, as about our tokens we love to lie and boast.

L is for the linkage of a long lost past as other tokens are looked at with a longing, loving cast.

E is for the emotions that are emersed as the coin we wish to embrace escapes and is cursed.

C is for the coins that lie as each county's spokesman as we collectors map out the search for an entombed token.

T is for time on the trail for tokens that causes us to tiptoe and tread for the thought and talk of tokens that we are sure are just up ahead!

O is for the ordinary optimism we seek as at the orgies of conventions we hurry and peek.

R is for the race we radicals ran as with raised glasses and pride as only we few can, shout from the ramparts . . .
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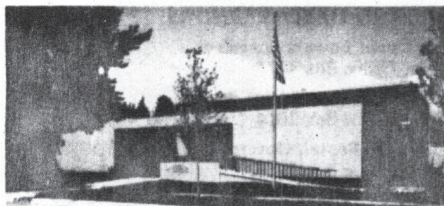
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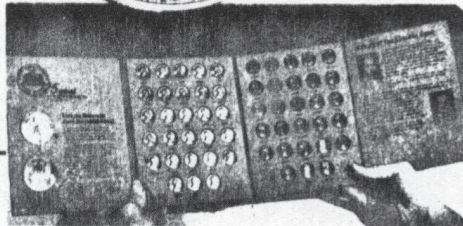
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THE RAILROAD

In the spring of 1868, the great Union Pacific Railroad was pushing its way westward, and by this time had reached what was then known as Great Bend. This proved to be a blessing to the people. Grading gradually moved westward until it reached Weber Canyon. The people of Morgan were fortunate in securing a contract to grade two miles of the road, from and including Carlyle Cut, continuing westward into town.

Richard Fry and T.R.C. Welch had the contract for the first mile from the cut to Williams Point, and Wyman Parker and Philemon C Merrill had the contract from there on for a mile. Beside this, they had the contract to construct a wagon dugway from the cut east, above the track for several hundred yards. The contract specified that the price for moving the earth and making the fills was to be 27 cents per yard. Much of this grade was put up with wheelbarrows.

Richard Ballentyne and Sons had a contract for constructing the railroad at the lower end of Weber Valley near Mt. Green in 1868.

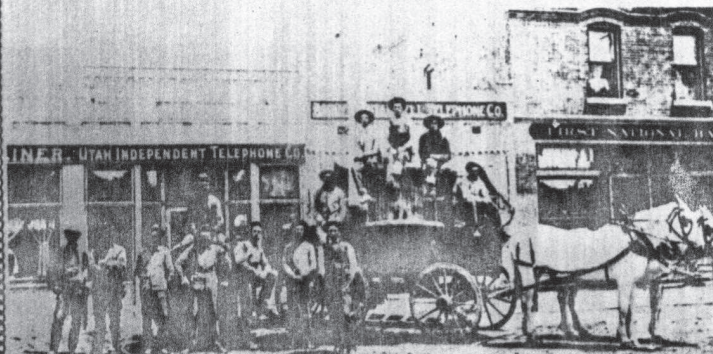
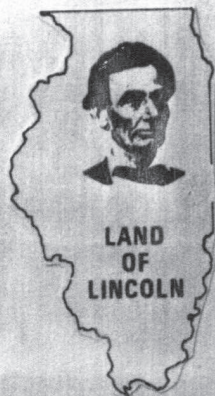
Richville became the tie center for the railroad. Men went from there into the canyon to get a load of ties and back to Richville. This was considered a days work. Three days were allowed to take that load of ties to Echo and return.

Wages were \$10.00 a day for man and team. If the trip could be made in less time they received \$30.00 just the same. Sixteen ties was a standard load.

Hardscrabble Canyon produced tens of thousands of ties for the railroad. Men had camps in the canyon and hewed logs, which were cut into eight-foot lengths. Some of the men after hauling ties to Echo, went on to the mines at Coalville and brought back a load of coal.

The railroad brought provisions into the country in Schooner Wagons, with eight and ten mule teams. Sugar sold for 40 cents a pound, and potatoes for \$3.00 per cut. Hay was \$60.00 per ton, shoes were \$.50 per pair to \$10.00 a pair. Good hide boots could be purchased for \$10.00.

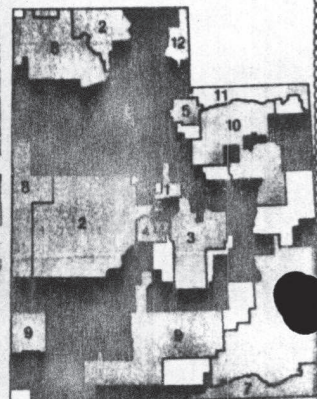
Taken from Mountains Conquered..... ED



Reprint from Mountain Bell's Open Line newsletter of May 1977. Shows list of present day independent telephone companies. Photo shows Utah Independent Tele Co and Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone Co for which tokens are known.

1. Central Utah Telephone Incorporated
2. Continental Telephone Company of the West
3. Emery County Farmers Union Telephone Ass'n, Inc.
4. Gunnison Telephone Company
5. Kamas-Woodland Telephone Company
6. Manli Telephone Company
7. Navajo Communications Company, Inc.
8. Silver Beehive Telephone Company
9. South Central Utah Telephone Ass'n, Inc.
10. Uintah Basin Telephone Ass'n, Inc.
11. Union Telephone Company
12. Utah Wyoming Telephone Company

Independents past and present: left, Main Street Salt Lake City showing the two independent companies that served Utah in 1913.



White spaces are "open" areas

dear folks,
I was real happy to see 33 members or potential members out to our last meeting. The interest just keeps on climbing in tokens, medals, and scrip.

As a club, we wish to thank Harry Campbell for his presentation on tokens of Utah. Many members expressed how much they liked it and how they wished others could see and understand tokens like they now understand them.

We are going to start advertising token and coin deals in the Token Hunter. Members and non-members can also advertize as well. It's a great way to increase revenue for the club. Harry will give details as per this issue.

Our outings this summer are coming along great. George and Bryan are planning several trips to various towns. They will let the club know what dates and when in the near future.

I hope everyone will come this month, because the top drawing prize is a Gold Piece plus many other tokens and medals.

I had many additions to Carol and my collection which makes us happy, as I am sure each of you club members feel as you also find a token or medal that you need. Things are really looking up as far as the hobby of tokens is concerned. I would say almost half of my once a week customers are buying tokens. Many tokens are changing hands now, and as a whole, Utah tokens are selling for higher prices every where.

Good luck in your rock turning.

AROUND AND ABOUT:

Bob

Howard and Toni Gurney of the 'Coin Trade Center' in Orem, are in the process of moving into the Mall area just across from their present store. This will certainly improve their foot traffic...perhaps generate more token interest, etc.

Edith Attebury is making a fast recovery from past illness. However, she is still plagued by some minor problems but will be writing for the 'Token Hunter' in the near future!

Bob Uzelac of Provo 'Treasure Trove Coin Store' reports added interest in tokens with new items showing up...more later!

Roger Nielsen of Brigham City has a brand new detector with a scale that tells you if a coin is in the search area. He is all ready to go just as soon as this weather lets up...Roger is on the trail of some interesting tokens in his area.

Word has it that Santa Claus brought George and JoAnn Rogers new metal detectors this past Xmas....hope the club has some good spots for the future? !

Irv Ratcliff has been very busy doing home and social work but still manages to get on the token trail now and again. He is heading up to the Idaho Coin show in the near future...perhaps he can report in!

David Kyte and family, although busy in his business, is looking forward to getting out and about this spring.

Both Bryan Moulton and George Wilson have been researching at the Utah Historical Society's library for future goodies!!!

Bob Campbell reports interest in tokens in his Coin Store is heavy.

Scott Sanders of Ogden reports that interest in tokens is picking up in his Coin Shop.

Jim Bean from Fredonia, Arizona, was by just recently, and as a dealer, is now getting into tokens. Jim can be reached at his store at 96 North Main, Fredonia, Arizona 86022, or call (602) 643-7171.

Tom Loader of American Fork has got the token bug and is actively searching his local area.

Harold Franke still keeps hitting Bob Campbell's shop in the hope of getting that rare piece.

In March, the club will hold its first auction - Bring any type of item that you wish to sell (maximum of 10 items per person or family), and see Frank Sommer. 10% of the selling price will go to the club's treasury (no sales tax). So, start looking out those tokens and other items (hand held collectibles) that you wish to dispose of ...Also, BRING MONEY!!!

As part of the drawing prizes this meeting in February will be a
GOLD COIN!!!

Guest Speaker this month will be JACK JANSSEN - NUMISMATIST

In April, Leslie Carrigan, a long time resident and knowledgeable person of Bingham, Utah, will tell us of its early days and characters.

In May, that favorite man of us all and who, incidentally, has the largest token collection, will tell all he knows of the men that issued many of these coins.....David knew many personally.

The American Numismatic Association Coin Week will be observed April 15-21. As a Club, we should be thinking of how we can encourage local interest in Coins and Exonumia.....Suggestions needed, Please!!

We had a number of guests at the January meeting; amongst those attending were Bruce Kaliser, Robert Sumison, Alan Arvest, and Marc Amorelli, plus others who, unfortunately, I did not get to see!!

New members that joined that night were A. J. Carlson of SLC, K. F. Lambson of WVC, and Thomas Loader of American Fork. It was great to see these folks and we certainly hope that we can provide them with items and things of interest in the near future...We would like to see many others there, so let's get the word out!!!

News and views, together with a short quiz, will be given at this month's meeting by your editor, Harry F. Campbell.





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NOTES FROM THE WAGON MASTERS

This month we have a few items to talk to you about, so lets get rolling.

First off, this month Bryan and I would like to thank the members at last months meeting for their responcees and suggestions for the "DIGS" this year. The poll we took showed us that you feel we are a Utah club that is interested in Utah and digging in Utah. Our poll also showed that you were in close agreement with our choices so we've made some definate dates for this summers digs and we'll be adding others at a later date.

With this in mind we have put together a calendar of events so mark down the dates and pñan on joining us for the day or weekend.

On Memorial Day weekend we will be in Frisco, Utah, Utah's toughest mining camp. June 23rd we will be in the Eureka area, home of America's only saloon free mine camp, Knightsville. July 14th will find us in Duchene County near Fruitland and perhaps near the Lost Rhoades Mine. August 4th is the day to be at Winter Quarters, scene of one of America's worst mining disasters. Finally, on the Labor Day weekend we will return to Beaver County to visit Shauntie and Southcamp in the Star Mining District.

Now I have some good news GOLD. Thats right, GOLD and you won't even have to bring your metal detector. This months raffle is going to feature two special coins, a Mexican Gold 2 pesos and a Moroni Co-op Five Cent token and at five chances for a dollar you might take home the gold. But remember you can't win if your are not there at this months meeting.

Well that is going to wrap it up for me this month. We are going to try to be a regular part of the Token Hunter each month so we'll see you next month.

GEORGE



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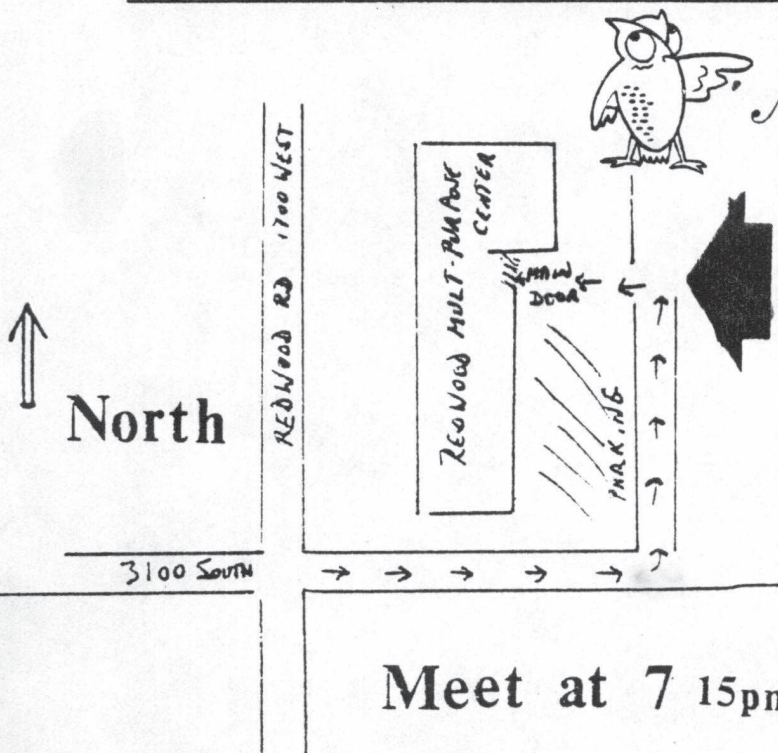
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